REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 are rejected. Claim 3 is

objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicants herein amend claim 1 and

cancel claim 3. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-2, 4 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over

Morgan (U.S. Patent No. 6,568,310) in view of Mejia (U.S. Patent No. 5,463,929).

With reference to claims 1 and 4, the Examiner asserts that Morgan teaches a cockpit

door of an aircraft substantially as claimed, but does not expressly teach the mounting portion

bent 90 degrees. The Examiner notes that Mejia teaches reinforcement member (10) formed by

laminating multiple layers and mounting portion formed to a rim portion of the body, the

mounting portion bent 90 degrees and fixed to the door by rivets. The Examiner concludes that

it would have been obvious to have the reinforcement member of Morgan bent 90 degrees to

reinforce the edges of such material to prevent failure due to delaminating under impact.

Applicants note that claim 3 is merely objected to as being dependent upon a rejected

base claim, but would be allowable is rewritten in independent form including all of the

limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants herein amend claim 1 by

moving the limitation of claim 3 into claim 1, and subsequently cancel claim 3. Applicants

submit that independent claim 1 and dependent claims 2, 4, 5 and 6, dependent from claim 1 and

necessarily including its limitations, are not allowable.

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In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants submit that that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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